FAMILY WELARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) and (b) No proposal to open a Homoeopathic dispensary during the current financial year is under consideration due to financial constrants.

Compensation for Land acquired by ONGC in Assam

720. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total area of land acquired by the ONGC in Assam for the production and exploration of oil and for other establishments; and

(b) whether adequate compensation have been paid to the affected people?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) ONGC has acquired 1052.050 Hectares of land in Assam for its drill-sites, production installations, offices and colony complex.

(b) ONGC has paid compensation for the land acquired by it at the rates fixed by the Revenue Authorities of the State Government.

Setting up of industries in Lakhimpur district of Assam

721. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Lakhimpur district of Assam is a 'No Industry District';

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to industrialise this district;

(c) whether any industry has been cleared by Government which is likely to be set up there shortly; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Industrialisation of specific districts/areas is primarily the responsibility of the State Govts./Union Territories concerned. The Central Government supplements their efforts by providing various incentives and concessions. Lakhimpur was declared a 'No Industry' District in 1983. Entrepreneurs setting up industries in 'No Industry Distt.' are eligible for incentives such as concessional finance, priority in the grant of industrial licences etc.

(c) and (d) During the period 1987—89, three units, one under the DGTD for job printing and two under the Delicensing Registration Scheme (DLR) for wheat products were granted Registration for setting up units in Lakhimpur District.

Number of Local and outside employees in ONGC in Assam

722. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of employees in the ONGC in Assam at present and how many of them are local employees;

(b) whether it is a fact that the local youth are not getting any jobs and as a result thereof, there is deep resentment among them; and

(c) what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) ONGC at present has 11,587 employees at its work centres in Assam. Of these 9,324 are local employees.

(b) and (c) As indicated above more than 80 per cent of ONGC employees in Assam are locals. Recruitment to class III & IV posts, except those class III posts which carry the pay scale of Rs. 1526-2886, is made only from amongst the candidates sponsored by local employment exchanges.